

ELDER ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION



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Aging in Missouri

- ◆ According to the 2000 census, there are 983,704 residents age 60 and over (17.6% of Missouri's total population of 5,595,211).
 - ◆ Of the 983,704 who are age 60 and older, 98,571 or 10% are seniors over the age of 85.
 - ◆ The age 60 and over population is 14th nationally, according to the 2000 census. Missouri ranks 11th nationally, tied with Massachusetts, when calculated proportionally.
 - ◆ In 2005 there are projected to be 1,172,336 Missouri residents age 60 and older, and of those, 121,383 will be age 85 and over.
 - ◆ In 2025, Missouri's population of seniors is projected to be almost 1,625,394 or approximately 20% of Missouri's total population.
 - ◆ The average county in Missouri has 41% of its 65 and over population at or below 200% of the poverty level.
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Aging Across America

- ◆ 14% of the elderly population age 65 and over reside in nursing facilities.
- ◆ 43% of elderly persons age 65 and above will use nursing homes at some point in the remaining years of their lives.
- ◆ 83% of nursing home residents have limitations in 3 or more activities of daily living.
- ◆ Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias affect 1 in every 10 persons age 65 and over.
- ◆ Nearly 50% of persons age 85 and above have Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, MO Office of Administration and the Administration on Aging.

History of Missouri Elder Abuse Laws

- 1980 Established authority of the Division of Aging to provide protective services to elderly (age 60+) in the community.
- 1980 Central Registry Unit (CRU) established.
- 1984 Penalty for abuse and neglect in long-term care facilities amended to a felony.
- 1984 Authority granted whereby the Department of Social Services would establish and maintain an Employee Disqualification List (EDL) of people who have been finally determined by the department to have abused, neglected, or misappropriated funds/property of a facility resident.
- 1987 Protective services extended to include adults (age 18 - 59) who are suffering from mental or physical disabilities that substantially limit their ability to protect their own interests or adequately obtain or perform services necessary to meet their essential human needs.
- 1992 The crime of "Elder Abuse" established, including graduated penalties for perpetrators of abuse and neglect.
- 1992 The EDL statute amended to include the home care industry. Prohibitions, protections, and penalties of the EDL statute extended to include Division of Aging clients receiving services in their homes.
- 1994 Extension of the EDL statute and employment prohibition to include agencies licensed by the Department of Health and all Medicaid provider agencies delivering services to clients in their homes.
- 1994 Failure to report abuse or neglect of a long-term care facility resident from an infraction to a misdemeanor.
- 1997 Legislation mandates criminal background checks on all employees of in-home services providers.
- 1999 Department of Health (DOH) to implement an education and awareness program to increase awareness of the problem of elder abuse and neglect with the goal of reducing the incidences of elder abuse and neglect.
- 2000 Legislation enacted creating the crime of "Financial Exploitation" of the elderly and persons with disabilities to strengthen successful prosecution that reflects the vulnerability of this population.
- 2000 Legislation established the Family Care Safety Registry within DOH to coordinate information necessary to prohibit certain individuals from being employed by agencies responsible for the care of the elderly (and children) including those with a criminal history or other disqualifying registers.
- 2001 The Department of Health and Senior Services was established, as well as Alzheimer's training programs for direct care staff. Legislation passed which created the Pharmaceutical Investment Program within the Department of Health and Senior Services to assist elderly persons with prescription drug expenses.
- 2002 Legislation passed that enhanced the "Utilicare Program" to assist seniors and adults with disabilities to meet the high cost of utility bills. Also, legislation was passed that set forth cost containment measures in the Medicaid Program, resulting in a reduction of covered items and services, and stricter eligibility criteria.
- 2003 Legislation was passed to strengthen clinical oversight of client service plans by authorizing semi-annual clinical nurse assessments to all in-home services clients. (Section 660.300(15)-(18)).

History of Missouri Elder Abuse Laws Continued:

- 2005 Legislation was passed to require vendors of Consumer-Directed Services (CDS) to ensure that all Personal Care Attendants are registered, screened and employable pursuant to the Family Care Safety Registry and the Employee Disqualification List (EDL). CDS vendor employees may also be placed on the EDL.
- 2005 Financial exploitation statute was revised to define the elderly and persons with disabilities without regard to 'capacity' and increase certain penalties from a misdemeanor to a felony.

Guiding Principles for Home and Community Services Adult Protective Services (APS)

The law contains certain guarantees that protect the rights of eligible adults alleged to be in need of protective services.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Division of Senior and Disability Services delivers **home and community based Adult Protective Services (APS)** with consideration to the following inherent rights:

- ◆ Self-Determination
- ◆ Protection
- ◆ Confidentiality
- ◆ Participate in Care Planning
- ◆ Receive Assistance
- ◆ Refuse Services
- ◆ Refuse Medical Treatment

Protective services are provided by individuals or agencies for or on behalf of eligible persons who are unable to:

- ◆ manage their own affairs;
- ◆ carry out the activities of daily living; or
- ◆ protect themselves from abuse, neglect, or exploitation which may result in harm or a hazard to themselves or others.

The purpose of Adult Protective Services is to:

- ◆ promote independence;
- ◆ maximize client choice and provide for meaningful client input for preferences;
- ◆ provide quality alternatives to institutional care; and
- ◆ empower the older adult to attain or maintain optimal self-determination.

Guiding Principles for Long-Term Care Facility Residents

Long-term care facilities are required by statute to provide protective oversight for their residents. In addition, each facility must protect and promote a basic set of "resident rights."

A facility resident has the right to:

- ✓ Be free from mental and physical abuse;
- ✓ Be informed of their medical condition;
- ✓ Select their own physician;
- ✓ Participate in planning their care;
- ✓ Refuse treatment;
- ✓ Voice grievances;
- ✓ Be treated with respect and dignity; and
- ✓ Have treatments provided in privacy.

The DHSS Division of Regulation and Licensure staff conducts investigations of reported abuse, neglect, and exploitation of individuals residing in long-term care facilities. Complaint investigations are handled in accordance with state statute, and all information obtained during investigations is handled in a confidential manner.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

The Missouri Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program also helps residents by empowering them with knowledge and advocating on their behalf - both individually and as a group - to ensure that their rights are protected. Services of a Volunteer Ombudsman can be accessed by calling the following number:

1 - 800 - 309 - 3282

Central Registry Unit
24 - hour toll-free HOTLINE
1 - 800 - 392 - 0210

The Central Registry Unit (CRU), the statewide central intake unit, has taken calls since 1980. All calls are electronically recorded and kept on file for a minimum of one year.

TYPE OF CALL	1980 – 2005
Home and Community Services:	274,009
Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation	
Long-Term Care Regulation: Abuse / Neglect / and Regulatory Issues	106,400
Total Abuse/Neglect and Regulatory Reports	380,409
Pre-long Term Care Screening	313,330
Information and Referral	345,493
Facility Self Reports (1999 to present)	10,080
Statements of Concern (1990 to 1999)	6,425
Total Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation Intake, Screenings, and Information & Referral	1,055,737

Reports include:

Information regarding the eligible adult:

- Name, address and telephone number;
- Date of birth or age; and
- Other relevant identifiers.

Nature of the incident:

- **ABUSE:** the infliction of physical, sexual, emotional or financial injury or harm;
- **NEGLECT:** failure to provide services when such failure presents either an imminent danger to the health, safety, or welfare - OR - substantial probability that death or serious physical harm will result;
- **MISAPPROPRIATION:** of funds or property of in-home services clients or residents of long-term care facilities;
- **FALSIFICATION:** of documentation which verifies service delivery to in-home services clients; or
- **FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION:** a person in a position of trust and confidence knowingly and by deception or intimidation obtains control of property for use by someone other than the owner.
- **NAMES OF ANY AVAILABLE WITNESSES.**

Registering Reports

Upon initial contact, CRU interviews the caller to obtain information sufficient to determine eligibility for involvement:

- ◆ Adult is over the age of 60, **or**
- ◆ Adult is between the ages of 18 and 59, **and** has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; **and** is unable to:
- ◆ Protect their own interests, **or**
- ◆ Adequately perform or obtain services which are necessary to meet their essential human needs.

Statutes protect the confidentiality of the contents of the report and information regarding the reporter. CRU obtains information sufficient to conduct an investigation.

Classification of Reports:

- ◆ **Class I** reports involve life-threatening, imminent danger situations which indicate a high risk of injury or harm to an eligible adult.
 - ◆ **Class II** reports involve situations which may result in harm or injury to an eligible adult but is not life threatening.
 - ◆ **Class III** reports involve non-protective situations; not Class I/Class II reports.
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Imminent Danger - Life-Threatening Situations

The following situations, although not all-inclusive, should be considered emergencies:

- Reports of physical abuse occurring at the present time or where there are injuries to the eligible adult.
- Reports of ongoing sexual abuse.
- Reports involving eligible adults who are suffering from acute, untreated medical conditions.
- Reports alleging that caretakers of eligible adults are psychotic, behaving in a bizarre manner, or acting under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Reports alleging chemical restraint through non-prescribed drugs or alcohol.
- Complaints alleging bizarre punishment.
- Complaints alleging that an eligible adult is suicidal.
- Complaints involving abandonment of an eligible adult incapable of providing for their essential human needs.
- Self-referrals from families who state they are unable to meet the immediate care needs of an eligible adult.

Reporting Elder Abuse

Reporting requirements exist in seven Missouri statutes: 198.070 RSMo; 198.090 RSMo; 208.912, RSMo; 208.915, RSMo; 660.300 RSMo; 660.305 RSMo and 565.188 RSMo.

- ◆ Requirements are intended to protect adults who demonstrate a need for protective services or who are suspected to be victims of abuse or neglect.

The subsequent investigation is conducted in accordance with the following statutory guidelines:

1. The identity of a reporter is protected in accordance with state statutes (660.263 RSMo; 660.300 RSMo; 660.320 RSMo and 198.070 RSMo).
2. A reporter is immune from civil or criminal liability for making a report or testifying pursuant to state mandates (208.912, RSMo; 208.915, RSMo; 660.300.8 RSMo; 198.070 RSMo and 565.190 RSMo).
3. Persons who report (other than the perpetrator) shall be protected from harassment, dismissal or retaliation when such report is filed in good faith (208.912, RSMo; 208.915, RSMo; 660.300 RSMo; 660.305 RSMo and 198.070 RSMo).
4. The Employee Disqualification List (EDL) is an administrative vehicle through which the Director of DHSS may prohibit persons from working in any capacity in the field of elder care, thereby increasing the protection of eligible adults (660.315 RSMo and 198.070 RSMo).
5. An agency providing services shall be responsible for screening prospective employees, including completion of a criminal background check and reviewing current employees against the most recent information contained in the EDL (660.315 RSMo; 660.317 RSMo and 198.070 RSMo).
6. DHSS has legislative responsibility for investigation of all allegations of abuse and neglect (208.912, RSMo; 208.915, RSMo; 660.260 RSMo; 660.261 RSMo; 660.300.5 RSMo; 660.305 RSMo and 565.186 RSMo).
7. The DHSS worker shall investigate reports of alleged abuse and neglect in accordance with current division policy. This investigation will focus on gathering all pertinent information and will generally include:
 - Contact with the reporter when appropriate and when possible for additional information;
 - an interview with the reported adult;
 - an interview with any relevant witnesses; and
 - an interview with the alleged perpetrator.

Indicators of Abuse & Neglect

Physical Appearance

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Burns, especially unusually located• Malnutrition, poor skin color, thin, obese, listless, mind unclear• Bilateral bruises on upper arms, from shaking• Swollen ankles (heart or kidney ailment)• Clustered bruises on trunk from repeated striking• Old and new bruises - as an injury repeated striking• Unhealed sores/untreated injuries• Green, yellow, red, brown sputum• Clothing inappropriate for weather, occasion, filthy, torn, big• Swelling in joints accompanied by sickness or fever• Bone fracture/signs of fractures• Unintentionally non-communicative• Rash, impetigo, eczema• Clothing covering entire body• Thin spots in hair (as though pulled out) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wheezing/persistent cough• Bruises resembling an object• Untreated medical conditions• Coldness in part of body• Immobile/difficult moving• Same clothing all the time• Sudden weight loss or gain• Lacerations/welts, black eye• Lack of prosthetic devices• Untreated medical condition• Blood in excretion• Loss of sight or hearing• Heat exhaustion• Dehydration• Severe or constant pain• Repeated broken bones• Sudden illness• Odorous, smell of alcohol• Changes in appearance• Dilated pupils• Nails needing clipping | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bed sores• Tremors• Red, painful eyes• Broken glasses/frames• Unkempt, dirty• Hair matted or tangled• Decayed teeth• Swollen eyes• Swelling of legs• Lack of clothing• Shoes on wrong feet• Incontinent• Fleas or lice• Coma• Vomiting• Shortness of breath• Chest pains• Lumps• Scars• Hair not combed• Loss of equilibrium• Narcolepsy |
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Environmental

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lots of medications lying around• Medications from several doctors• Medications not clearly marked• Soiled bedding/furniture• Food is not present, inadequate or spoiled, or lying around• Food stored improperly• No evidence of food preparation• Unsanitary food preparation• Lack of minimum facilities - bathroom, bed, furniture• Large number of animals lacking care• Lack of electricity, heat, water, toilet, or cooking facilities, refrigeration or cooling• House infested with fleas, lice, roaches, rats, birds, squirrels, snakes, etc.• Change in housekeeping style• Piles of dirty clothes/linens• Number of locks and bolts• Disappearance of personal property or household items | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hazardous conditions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- poor wiring- porch is rotten- open fireplace- stack of newspapers- only one exit- inadequate light- no handrail on stairs- odor of gas- loose rugs- floor uneven, slippery- unventilated gas heaters- extension cord in traffic pattern- no grab bars or non-skid strips in bathroom- bad chimney- broken glass- no locks• Large cracks in wall/floor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdated prescriptions• Fecal/urine smell• Urine soaked bed• Evidence of restraints• Limited variety of food• Roof leaks• Furniture rickety• Overcrowding• Home too cold/hot• Home not ventilated• No screens or windows• Contaminated well• Empty bottles of liquor• Yard cluttered• Unable to access essential rooms• Burst water pipes• High grass• Bad neighborhood• Frequent moving• Too many stairs |
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Behavior of Family or Caregiver

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflicts with others or the community • Arguments within extended family on care provided to client • Family imposes obligations • Manipulates overly passive adults into babysitting, paying bills, loaning money • Family has other illness to deal with • Recent loss of spouse, family members or close friends • Resentment by caregiver • Financial problems / lack of money • Client left alone for long periods of time • Lack of knowledge by caregiver of client's condition and needed care • History of mental illness in the family • Withholding of food or medications • Unrealistic expectations of client • Explanation of injury not feasible • Past history of similar episodes • Inconsistent explanations • Sudden appearance of previously uncaring relatives • Evasiveness on payment of bills • Unusual household composition • Competition in family for attention | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blames others for problems • Irresponsible • Caregiver has many other responsibilities • Denial of problems • Alcohol, drug use by family • Intergenerational households • Overprotection by family • Lack of physical, facial, eye contact with client • Caregiver does not provide personal care • Unusual expenses and no visible means of income • Transfer of property, savings, Insurance, wills • Other injuries found which were not reported • Prolonged interval between treatment and injury • Someone other than caregivers bring clients • Caregiver will not allow visitors • Unexplained cash flow • Excessive payment of care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marital or family discord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - striking - shoving - beating - name-calling - scape-goating - yelling • Continuous friction • Hostility • Secretive • Impatient • Frustrated • Poor self-control • Shows little concern • Recent family crisis • Role reversal • Treats client like a child • Overly frugal • Lock client away from family • Family does not interact with client • Resentment • Jealousy • Doctor hopping |
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Social Indicators

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client resists going outside home • Little or no contact with others • Only one person to call in times of crisis • Dependent on one caregiver for financial/physical/emotional support • Conflicts with the community • Pets replace affection from others • Undesirable friends, too many • Caregivers providing help for pay • Visitors only on check day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home is physically isolated from community • No assistance provided by friends, relatives, or neighbors • Lives alone or in an overcrowded home • Community refuses support, client is ostracized • Lack of magazines, books, radio, TV, phone, letters |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receives no visitors • Lack of aged friends • Doesn't know neighbors • Relatives live far away • Doesn't want worker to leave • No hobbies or interests • Eats alone • Unable to read or write |

Client's Behavior

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdrawn - no desire for family or outside contacts • Not willing to form attachments • Extreme agitation, irritable or grouchy • Depressed affect / no eye contact, movement or expression • Sleep disorders, insomnia, nightmares • Excessive physical complaints • Denial of problem due to pride | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of mental illness • Alcohol or drug abuse • Violent / threatens worker • Delusions / paranoia • Recent or sudden changes in behavior or attitudes • Denial of problems • Refusal to talk about subject personal matters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loneliness • Unjustified fear • Unwarranted suspicion • Mentally deficient • Bizarre behavior • Compulsiveness • Fanaticism • Frequent falls • No set meals |
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Client's Behavior (continued)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refuses to discuss situation, cooperate, communicate the need for help• Blaming of someone else for problems• Unable to cook, phone for help or take medications properly• Unaware of how much money they receive and regular monthly expenses• Carries large amount of cash• Lacks judgment, confuses priorities• Frequent requests for help at the end of the month to supplement income• Payment of exorbitant prices for services, repairs, rent, etc.• Unable to respond rationally to questions / erratic / irrational• Disoriented as to time and place• No incentive or motivation, apathetic• Persistent, intense anxiety unattributable to any real problem• Feelings of inadequacy or worthlessness | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inappropriate use of facilities• Constantly losing thoughts• Hoards / squanders money• High dependence on others, or agencies• Chronically fails to pay bills• Depleted bank accounts with nothing to show• Large amount of purchases on credit• Can't remember who you are or who they are• Inability to follow instructions• Utterly discouraged / hopeless• No pride in themselves or their home, low self-esteem• Inability to distinguish between fantasy and reality• Unreasonable excuses• Frightened of caregiver• Unintelligible speech or unable to communicate | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overly frugal• Wandering• Begging• Pack-ratting• Confusion• Easily influenced• Overly quiet• Passive• Timid• Suicidal• Excessive crying• Uncashed checks; money laying around• Demanding undivided attention• Careless smoking• Refuses to open door• Unwillingness to talk• Extreme procrastination• Giving money away; overly-generous |
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Investigation

Initiation of the investigation will begin as soon as is necessary, according to information contained in the report.

- ◆ The Division of Senior and Disability Services (DSDS), Social Services Worker reviews the report and contacts the reporter when appropriate (and in as much as is possible) for additional information.
- ◆ Interviews are conducted with the reported adult and the alleged perpetrator, and any other relevant witnesses.
- ◆ The DSDS Social Services Worker shall notify the appropriate law enforcement authorities when the report may involve a crime.
- ◆ Protective services are implemented only with consent of the reported adult (or guardian when appropriate).
- ◆ DSDS may institute legal proceedings as part of the protective service plan when judicial intervention is determined necessary to protect the eligible adult from abuse or neglect.
- ◆ Service plans are coordinated with current support systems to maximize client independence.

Overview of Service Intervention

Core Services

- Intake and assessment
- Case management
- Follow-up
- Early intervention services

Financial and Economic

- System for money management: counseling, power of attorney, payee, conservatorship
- Income stretching benefits: SSI, SS, VA, Food Stamps, Medicaid, private pension plans, Railroad Retirement, health insurance
- Employment programs / agencies
- Clubs and churches which provide specific services: Lions, Rotary, civic groups, fraternal organizations
- Temporary financial support

Legal

- Better Business Bureau
- Law enforcement
- Attorneys; state and local bar associations; Legal Aid
- Civil commitment
- Orders of protection
- Durable power of attorney
- Guardianship / conservatorship / public administrator
- Probate and circuit courts

Health / Medical

- Hospitalization, doctor visit, outpatient clinics
- Health screening and medical evaluation
- Drug information and health education
- Mental health services
- Dental care
- Home health care, visiting nurses, public health department
- Adult day care
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Congregate and home-delivered meals
- Boarding / nursing homes
- Voluntary organizations (American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, etc.)

Emergency

- Emergency shelter, food or clothing
- Emergency caregiver or placement
- Crisis intervention

Social, Educational, Recreational

- Outreach
- Information and referral assistance
- Crime prevention
- Telephone reassurance
- Friendly visitor
- Support groups
- Transportation
- Religious / church organization
- Congregate meals / Senior Centers
- Counseling
- Adult educational classes
- Arts and crafts courses
- Civic groups, clubs, fraternal organizations, AARP
- Voluntary organizations (Red Cross, Cancer Society, YWCA, hospital volunteer, nursing home volunteer, foster grandparents)
- Adult day care

Home Support and Housing

- Respite
- Alternative housing, HUD programs, local housing authorities, public housing, retirement villages
- Home repair
- Residential care / nursing homes

Hotline Information - Central Registry Unit

I. Intake Activities (initial reports)

		FY '03	FY '04	FY'05
• Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation (A/N/E) of the elderly		11,261	11,471	11,761
• A/N/E of adults with disabilities under age 60		3,511	3,719	4,073
	Subtotal	14,772	15,190	15,834
• Abuse, Neglect Complaints & Facility Self Reports in LTC facilities		920	681	724
• Other LTC Facility Complaints (without Abuse/Neglect)		*5,049	4,246	4,301
• Other Facility Self Reports (without Abuse/Neglect)		*1,708	1,368	1,236
	Subtotal	*7,677	6,295	6,261
• Pre-admission screening referrals (MO Care Options)		20,386	20,511	**16,739
• Other Information and Referral (I & R)		17,820	17,178	17,530
	Subtotal	38,206	37,689	34,269
TOTAL INTAKE AND I&R		*60,655	59,174	56,364

NOTE: The numbers with asterisks above do not match the information previously listed in this report for FY '03. The numbers have been changed to clearly indicate the A/N reports versus all "other" types of reports. In prior reports, the A/N numbers were listed in both the A/N and "Other" line items. This caused the subtotal number to reflect more reports than were actually received. The information matches the information previously reported on page 18 entitled, "Section for Long-Term Care Regulation Abuse Information".

**Effective May 1, 2005 the DHSS eliminated the Pre-Long Term Care Screening process. This screening process served to inform new or potential residents of possible services available within the community and was a duplication of a requirement that went into effect October 30, 2004. The DHSS is now utilizing the distribution of the Missouri Guide for Home and Community Services as the primary source of informing new residents of the range of possible services available within the community which is required under 19 CSR 30-88.010(9) Residents Rights. These guides are provided to facilities to distribute prior to or at the time of admission. Guides are provided to facilities via the DHSS Central Registry Unit.

II. Findings (completed investigations from field staff)

A. Home And Community Services: A/N/E of adults residing in home or community based settings.

	Reason to Believe	Suspected	Unsubstantiated
FY '05	55.6%	16.5%	27.9%
FY '04	55.6%	15.2%	29.2%
FY '03	55.9%	17.4%	26.7%

B. Section for Long-Term Care Regulation: Long-term care resident A/N and other complaints including facility self-reports.

	Valid	Unable to Verify	Invalid/Other
FY '05	17.6%	55.9%	26.5%
FY '04	16.7%	51.8%	31.5%
FY '03	21.3%	29.7%	49.0%

III. Types of Information and Referral (I&R) Calls:

- Referrals to other agencies (Medicaid, Social Security, spousal abuse agencies, etc.)
- Referrals to Area Agency on Aging offices
- Requests for information or publications
- Shared Care Tax Credit Registrations
- Alzheimer's information and support group referral
- Heat crisis, cooling center information
- Unable to investigate (hang ups, harassment, etc.)

***Division of Senior & Disability Services
Information Regarding
Home and Community Based Investigations***

I. Description of Home and Community Services Investigative Findings

- A. Reason to Believe: Substantial amount of evidence is found supporting the allegations contained in the report.
- B. Suspected: Based on worker judgment, allegations contained in the report are probable or likely.
- C. Unsubstantiated: The evidence of the investigation does not support the allegations in the report.

II. Status of Home and Community Services Investigative Findings

	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
• Reason to Believe	55.9%	55.6%	55.6%
• Suspected	17.4%	15.2%	16.5%
• Unsubstantiated	26.7%	29.2%	27.9%

III. Types of Problems Identified by Status

Based on "problems" on completed investigations (not directly related to the number of reported elders/victims, as victims may have multiple problems).

Total Percentages	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
Physical Abuse	8.4%	9.2%	9.4%
Physical Neglect	50.4%	50.8%	49.2%
Emotional Abuse	9.5%	9.9%	10.0%
Emotional Neglect	12.8%	13.1%	12.5%
Financial Exploitation	10.0%	7.8%	10.4%
Financial Neglect	5.3%	4.6%	5.2%
Mental Disability	2.6%	3.2%	2.5%
Other	1.0%	1.4%	0.8%

Findings (Types of Problems)	Reason to Believe			Suspected			Unsubstantiated		
	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
Physical Abuse	35.6%	37.4%	36.2%	16.7%	14.2%	15.8%	47.7%	48.4%	48.0%
Physical Neglect	39.8%	40.6%	40.9%	14.8%	13.7%	14.8%	45.4%	45.7%	44.3%
Emotional Abuse	35.7%	36.2%	37.0%	20.6%	18.4%	19.3%	43.7%	45.4%	43.7%
Emotional Neglect	47.9%	48.1%	51.3%	20.6%	19.0%	19.5%	31.5%	32.9%	29.2%
Financial Exploitation	21.9%	19.3%	20.7%	17.5%	18.6%	18.9%	60.6%	62.1%	60.4%
Financial Neglect	43.5%	36.1%	43.1%	14.8%	14.6%	18.0%	41.7%	49.3%	38.9%
Mental Disability	62.6%	53.2%	62.6%	16.3%	15.0%	14.6%	21.1%	31.8%	22.8%
Other	29.7%	31.2%	35.8%	13.9%	14.9%	13.9%	56.4%	53.9%	50.3%

IV. Demographic Profiles of Home and Community Services Investigations of Reported Elders

		FY '03	FY '04	FY '05	2000 Census (60+) MO population is 5,595,211
Sex	Female	64.0 %	64.5 %	64.0 %	59.0%
	Male	36.0	35.5	36.0	41.0%
Race	White	79.2 %	81.0 %	80.5 %	91.7%
	Black	17.2	15.5	15.3	7.3%
	Other	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.0%
	Unknown	3.3	3.2	3.8	0.0%
Age	Under 60	23.4 %	24.1 %	24.8 %	82.4%
	60-64	7.4	7.5	7.5	4.0%
	65-69	9.1	9.5	8.8	3.6%
	70-74	12.4	12.1	10.5	3.4%
	75-79	15.5	14.2	14.7	2.5%
	80-84	14.7	15.1	14.5	2.1%
	85-89	10.2	10.2	11.1	2.0% (Over 85)
	90-94	5.3	5.4	5.8	
	95 plus	2.0	1.9	2.3	
Living	Alone	43.2 %	41.3 %	42.1 %	39.0%
Arrangement	With Spouse	16.3	16.6	15.0	20.0%
	With Relative	25.9	28.7	28.2	33.0%
	With Non-relative	5.3	5.7	5.5	4.5%
	Long-term Care	7.0	6.8	6.8	1.6%
	Other / Unknown	2.3	0.9	2.4	1.9%

V. Perpetrator Related Data (when perpetrator designated; reports may have multiple perpetrators)

	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
Self	17.7 %	18.2 %	18.7 %
Spouse	4.2	4.0	3.9
Housemate	1.6	1.6	1.7
Son/Daughter	12.2	13.1	13.0

<i>(Perpetrator Data Continued)</i>	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
Siblings	1.5%	1.3%	1.5%
Parent	1.7	2.2	2.5
Grandchild	2.3	2.6	1.9
Other Relative	3.4	3.7	4.0
Friend/Neighbor	3.0	3.2	3.0
Landlord	0.6	0.5	0.5
Guardian	0.3	0.4	0.4
Health Care Professional	0.7	1.2	0.5
In-Home Service Provider	5.8	5.4	5.0
Circumstances / Environment	39.7	36.8	36.6
Other	3.4	4.5	4.1
Unknown	1.9	1.3	2.7

VI. Relationship of Alleged Perpetrator When Living with Reported Elder

	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
Spouse	20.3%	17.6%	17.0%
Housemate	6.6	6.7	6.8
Son / Daughter	38.0	34.9	35.7
Siblings	4.0	3.4	3.6
Grandchild	7.0	6.7	7.1
Other Relative	15.5	15.0	15.6
Friend / Neighbor	2.6	2.9	2.6
Other	2.8	12.1	9.7
Unknown	3.2	0.7	1.9

VII. Resolution of Investigations Reported by Social Services Workers

	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
Opened for protective services (PS)	25.6%	19.5%	20.6%
Report substantiated but no (PS)	17.3	19.8	20.8
Resolved (includes unsubstantiated)	30.7	32.2	32.4
Refused services	7.2	6.7	6.4
Placed in long-term facility (care)	8.0	9.9	8.8
Referred to other agency / agencies	2.3	3.4	2.7
Other	0.9	0.9	0.9
Unable to locate	1.2	1.1	1.1
Client died	4.7	4.5	4.3
Client moved	2.1	2.0	2.0

VIII. Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation of Home and Community Services Reports

Class I: Imminent danger or an emergency situation.

Class II: Direct or immediate relationship to the health, safety or welfare of the reported adult but one which does not create imminent danger.

Class III: "Non-protective" situation, not a Class I or Class II.

IX. Total Home and Community Services Hotline Calls

	FY '03		FY '04		FY '05	
Class I	1,918	13.0%	1,656	10.9%	1,601	10.5%
Class II	11,034	74.7%	11,515	75.8%	12,353	81.3%
Class III	1,820	12.3%	2,019	13.3%	1,880	12.4%
TOTAL	14,772	100%	15,190	100%	15,834	100%

X. Field Operations Action

A. Unduplicated Count of Reported Adults Served*	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
Class I	1,377	1,145	1,085
Class II	8,530	8,883	9,351
Total	9,907	10,028	10,436

* Includes only clients with Departmental Client Numbers (DCN). Based on completed investigations.

B. Time-frames for Seeing Alleged Victim Based on Completed Investigations

FY '05	Total	24 Hours		48 Hours		In 7 days		Over 7 Days/Not seen	
Class I	1,637	1,440	88.0%	20	1.2%	61	3.7%	116	7.1%
Class II	12,475	3,305	26.5%	1,034	8.3%	6,386	51.2%	1,750	14.0%
FY '04	Total	24 Hours		48 Hours		In 7 days		Over 7 Days/Not seen	
Class I	1,701	1,479	86.9%	29	1.7%	78	4.6%	115	6.8%
Class II	11,825	3,341	28.3%	1,010	8.5%	5,756	48.7%	1,718	14.5%
FY '03	Total	24 Hours		48 Hours		In 7 days		Over 7 Days/Not seen	
Class I	2,025	1,779	87.9%	35	1.7%	95	4.7%	116	5.7%
Class II	11,086	3,235	29.2%	1,179	10.7%	5,227	47.1%	1,445	13.0%

Elder Abuse Hotline
1 - 800 - 392 – 0210

Division of Regulation & Licensure
Information Regarding
Facility Based Investigations

- A. **Valid:** A conclusion that the allegation did occur and there was a statutory or regulatory violation.
- B. **Invalid:** A conclusion that the allegation did not occur; a conclusion that there is not a reasonable likelihood that the allegation occurred; OR a conclusion that the allegation either occurred or there is a reasonable likelihood that it occurred, but there is not a statutory or regulatory violation.
- C. **Could Not Verify:** This conclusion is reached when a complaint is investigated and there is conflicting information collected to the extent that no conclusion regarding a regulatory violation could be reached.

I. **Findings Based on Completed Reports**

	FY'03	FY'04	FY'05
Valid - uncorrected	850 10.8%	642 10.3%	604 10.4%
Valid - corrected before investigation, no statement of deficiency	826 10.5%	399 6.4%	416 7.2%
Total Valid Investigations	1,676 21.3%	1,041 16.7%	

Invalid, unsubstantiated, or not in violation	2,803 35.5%	1,369 22.0%	1,156 20%
Could not verify	2,347 29.7%	3,221 51.8%	3,235 55.9%
Other	1,075 13.5%	591 9.5%	381 6.5%
Total Investigations Completed	7,901 100%	6,222 100%	5,792 100%

Includes reports without an allegation of a regulatory violation, do not allege abuse or neglect of residents or had already been addressed in a prior survey or complaint investigation.

II. Complaint Reports and Facility Self-Reported (FSR) Incidents Received

	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
Abuse, Neglect Complaints	494 9.0%	375 8.1%	385 8.2%
Other Regulatory Allegations	5,049 91.0%	4,246 91.9%	4,301 91.8%
Total Reports	5,543 100%	4,621 100%	4,686 100%

	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
Abuse Neglect (FSR)	426 20.0%	306 18.3%	339 21.5%
Other Regulatory (FSR)	1,708 80.0%	1,368 81.7%	1,236 78.5%
Total	2,134 100%	1,674 100%	1,575 100%

III. Total Complaints and Facility Self Reports

	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
Complaint Reports	5,543 72.2%	4,621 73.4%	4,686 74.8%
Facility Self Reports	2,134 27.8%	1,674 26.6%	1,575 25.2%
Total	7,677 100%	6,295 100%	6,261 100%

	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
Abuse and Neglect	920 12.0%	681 10.8%	724 11.6%
Other Regulatory	6,757 88.0%	5,614 89.2%	5,537 88.4%
Total	7,677 100%	6,295 100%	6,261 100%

IV. Breakdown of Valid, Invalid and Unable to Verify Abuse/Neglect Reports

	FY '03	FY '04	FY '05
Valid With or Without Statement of Deficiencies	186 20.2%	109 16.0%	149 20.6%
Invalid	195 21.2%	135 19.8%	133 18.4%
Unable to Verify	444 48.3%	423 62.1%	430 59.4%
Final Determination Unavailable at This Time	95 10.3%	14 2.1%	12 1.7%
Total	920 100%	681 100%	724 100%

LIST OF MANDATED REPORTERS UNDER SECTIONS 660.00, 565.188, 208.912, 208.915 AND 198.070, RSMo

Section 660.300: reasonable cause to believe that an in-home services client has been abused or neglected, as a result of in-home services

Section 565.188: reasonable cause to suspect such a person (age 60 or older) has been subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect

Section 208.912: reasonable cause to believe that a consumer has been abused or neglected, as a result of the delivery of or failure to deliver consumer directed services

Section 198.070: reasonable cause to believe that a resident of a facility has been abused or neglected

Failure to report is a class A misdemeanor under each of the above statutes.

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| ✓ Adult Day Care Worker | ✓ Long-Term Care Facility Administrator or employee |
| ✓ Chiropractor | ✓ Medical Examiner |
| ✓ Christian Science Practitioner | ✓ Medical Resident or Intern |
| ✓ Coroner | ✓ Mental Health Professional |
| ✓ Dentist | ✓ Minister |
| ✓ Embalmer | ✓ Nurse |
| ✓ Employee of Department of Health and Senior Services | ✓ Nurse Practitioner |
| ✓ Employee of the Department of Social Services | ✓ Optometrist |
| ✓ Employee of the Department of Mental Health | ✓ Other Health Practitioner |
| ✓ Employee of a local Area Agency on Aging or an organized Area Agency on Aging Program | ✓ Peace Officer |
| ✓ Funeral Director | ✓ Personal Care Attendant * |
| ✓ Home Health Agency or Home Health Agency Employee | ✓ Pharmacist |
| ✓ Hospital or Clinic Personnel engaged in examination, care, or treatment of persons | ✓ Physical Therapist |
| ✓ In-Home Services owner, provider, operator, or employee | ✓ Physician |
| ✓ Law Enforcement Officer | ✓ Physician's Assistant |
| | ✓ Podiatrist |
| | ✓ Probation or Parole Officer |
| | ✓ Psychologist |
| | ✓ Social Worker |
| | ✓ Vendor of the Personal Care Attendant Program * |

* (Mandated under 208.912 only)

Family Care Safety Registry

The Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) is maintained by the Department of Health and Senior Services in coordination with the Department of Social Services, Department of Mental Health and the Department of Public Safety. Child care and elder care workers hired on or after January 1, 2001, and personal care workers hired on or after January 1, 2002, must be registered. FCSR will help ensure that personnel who provide care for children, the elderly or the physically and mentally disabled can be easily screened for information provided by:

- ◆ Missouri State Highway Patrol for criminal background checks and Sex Offender Registry;
- ◆ Division of Social Services for child abuse/neglect records and foster parent, residential facility and child placing agency licensing records;
- ◆ DHSS for child care licensing records; and
- ◆ Employee Disqualification List records; and
- ◆ Department of Mental Health Employee Disqualification Registry.

Caregivers required to register include individuals employed by elder care providers and/or those who receive state or federal funds as payment for elder care services. Elder care providers include home health agencies, hospices, hospitals, nursing facilities, residential care facilities, in-home services agencies and in-home service providers. Persons who are not required to register may do so voluntarily. Employers may submit completed registration forms for multiple prospective employees. Registration fees may be paid by the individual or by the employer, and both the applicant and the employer will receive notification of the screening results. Workers need to register only one time, regardless if they change jobs.

Background information from the FCSR may be requested for **employment purposes only**.

- ◆ The caller must provide the registrant's name and social security number before information will be provided. There is no cost to obtain a background screening on registered workers.
- ◆ Information released to callers will be limited to whether the registrant's name is listed in any of the registries and if so, which one(s). Agencies licensed by the state may obtain specific information about the finding by phone, fax, or mail. All other requests must be made in writing and include the registrant's name, address, and the reason for the request.
- ◆ Registrants will be notified each time someone requests information about them from the registry. The notification will contain the name and address of the person making the inquiry and the background information released.
- ◆ Any child care, elder care or personal care worker required to register who fails to submit a completed registration form to the FCSR within 15 days of beginning employment is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. Any person who uses the information obtained from the FCSR for any purpose other than those outlined in the legislation is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

Family Care Safety Registry
1-866-422-6872
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday

INDEX OF STATUES REGARDING PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ADULTS

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